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SUBJ: RABBI MEIR KAHANE GOES TO JAIL

1. ON NOVEMBER 26, 1975 US SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN DECISION WRITTEN BY JUDGE J. JOSEPH SMITH, UPHOLD RABBI MEIR KAHANE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO KOSHER FOOD AND ORDERED PRISON TO PROVIDE HIM WITH QTE A DIET SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN PRISONER IN GOOD HEALTH WITHOUT VIOLATING JEWISH DIETARY LAWS UNQTE.

2. AFTER DECISION RABBI KAHANE WAS TRANSFERRED TO FEDERAL PENITENTIARY IN ALLENWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA, TO COMPLETE SERVING A 12 MONTH SENTENCE FOR VIOLATING CONDITIONS OF HIS 1971 PAROLE.

3. EVENING OF NOVEMBER 27 JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE ANNOUNCED THAT RABBI KAHANE HAD BEGUN HUNGER STRIKE AT ALLENWOOD PENITENTIARY BECAUSE AUTHORITIES WERE NOT PROVIDING HIM WITH KOSHER FOOD AS ORDERED BY CIRCUIT COURT. A SPOKESMAN AT ALLENWOOD PRISON DECLINED TO COMMENT ON STATEMENT BY JDL.

4. FOLLOWING DAY RABBI KAHANE ENDED HIS HUNGER STRIKE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE DECIDED TO EAT AGAIN AFTER OFFICIALS AT PENITENTIARY ARRANGED FOR SEPARATE POTS, PANS AND OTHER UTENSILS AND PROVIDED A SPECIAL KOSHER HOOK IN PRISON KITCHEN.
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